
THE FLAGSHIP



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Tom King, Editor

Coming Up!!!

Feb. 22: David Smoak,
Farragut Parks

March 1: Board of
Directors, 11 a.m.

March 1: Dr. Stephen
Lloyd, Chief Medical
Officer, Cedar Recovery

March 8: Karen
Pershing, Executive
Director, Metro Drug
Coalition

March 15: Cindy
Bradley, Sacred Heart
Hospice

(All meetings begin at
12:15 unless noted
otherwise)

Smoak, Parks & Rec Staffers To Discuss Grant for Farragut

PP David Smoak and two of his top lieutenants will present our Wednesday program. They are hoping to have our club vote to support a grant request for park funding from the state. With David will be the Town of Farragut's new Parks and Recreation Director **Ron Oestreich** and Park Program Coordinator **Bryson Keith**.



The grant request of \$2.5 million are for major park renovations and new facilities at Mayor Bob Leonard Park and McFee Park.

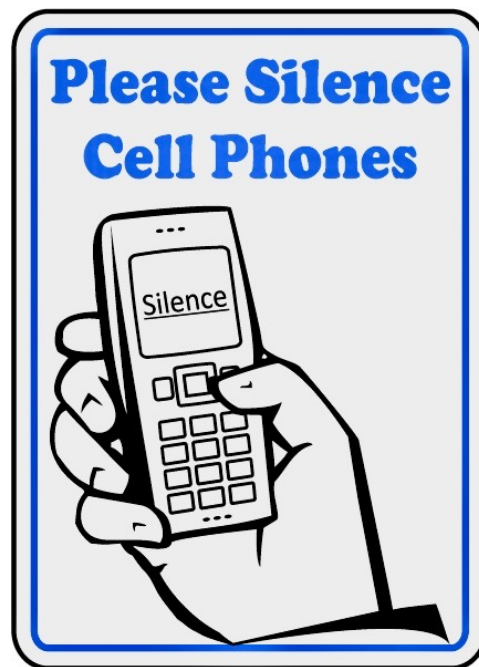
“After the presentation we will be asking for a vote to support the grant request as it is required as part of the grant process,” Smoak

said. “If we are approved for any portion of the grant it would be a 50/50 split with the State of Tennessee,” he added.



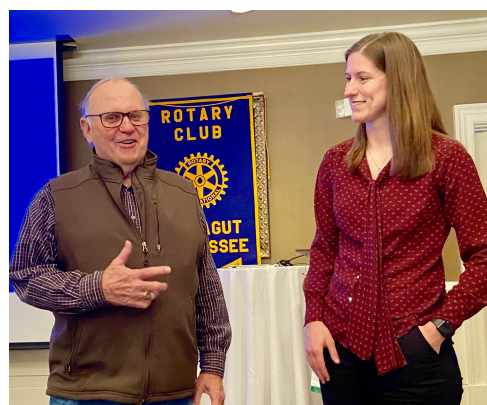
Oestreich, who just joined the town, replaces Sue Stuhl, who retired in January after 31 years with the Town of Farragut. Ron was with the Bolingbrook (Illinois) Park District for 27 years. He became executive director in 2012, managing 52 parks as well as 63 full-time and 300 part-time staff. “We’re happy to have someone of Ron’s caliber and expertise to lead our parks department,” says Smoak. “He has extensive knowledge of developing parks and programs that meet the community’s needs.”

He has family in East Tennessee and grew up spending two weeks here each summer. He loves the mountains and the Vols and has always dreamed of moving back, he says. “I’m excited to be home,” he said. Oestreich and his wife have four children, including a grown son who lives in Powell.



Edsell Educates Us on 865Academies

Dr. Amanda Edsell, coach of Farragut High School's (FHS) 865Academy, gave us a crash course Wednesday about the 865Academies that began this past fall 2022. This is a new initiative by Knox County Schools (KCS) aimed at helping high school students deal with what comes next. (Edsell and Bill Nichols enjoy a few moments after her program in the picture here).



Farragut High has four academies — The Freshmen Academy, Business, Engineering & Technology, Health, Humanities and Animal Science. The schools all have different academies to fit their students. These schools have academies: Austin-East, Bearden, Central, Farragut, Fulton, Hardin Valley Academy, Karns and L&N Stem.

Freshman Academy is designed to prepare 9th-graders for selecting their Academy Pathway, including a Freshman Seminar to identify interests, aptitudes and skills; Career Exploration activities and guest speakers from various industries; exposure to Advanced Academics; and College Visits to learn about post-secondary opportunities.

Edsell said they are helping their students do job shadows, use work-based learning, work with professionals and connect the classroom with the careers.

The Knox Education Foundation has been the funder and convening partner to support Ford Next Generation Learning and the creation of The 865 Academies with Knox County Schools. This effort is being called “the reimagination of high schools in Knox County.” Edsell refers to the academies as “schools within a school.”

If you would like to read more about this, click on this [LINK](#)



The Day's Guests and PMs

It was a good day for guests and PMs (Prospective Members). Read on.....

Jared Green had a couple of guests — **Margaret and Eric Manneschmidt** (pictured above). Eric worked at ORNL for 30-plus years and Margaret was a nurse. They have been involved in robotics for the past three years with the Farragut High School robotics program. Their children all graduated from Farragut.

We had a pair of Prospective Members in the house. **Rev. Chase Depew** was the guest of Cindy Kraus and **Brian Walker** was the guest of PP Tom King. Chase and Brian have both submitted membership applications. You can read about them in the story below along with a third Prospective Member, **Emily Lamon Justice**. The Board has approved their membership applications.

Four-Way Test

Rotary's Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

- 1) Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2) Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4) Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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Board Approves 3 for Membership

We have great news on the membership front to share today. In virtual votes this week, the Board of Directors approved applications for three Prospective Members to join our Family of Rotary. They are Rev. Chase Depew, Emily Lamon Justice, and Brian Walker.

Here are brief biographies of each so you can get to know them.

Rev. Chase Depew: Chase's sponsor is Cindy Kraus. He is the Campus Pastor at Faith Promise Church in Farragut close to Farragut High School on West End Drive. Chase also is a member of the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce. He grew up in East Tennessee. He and wife Lauren have four kids. Twins Rowan and Adeline are 6, Ellis is 4, and Asher is 15 months. Chase received his undergraduate degree from Johnson University and spent his senior year as a resident at the Leadership Institute at Christ's Church of the Valley in Phoenix, AZ. He has more than 10 years of experience working in multi-site churches ranging from 4,000 to 28,000+ members. His hobbies are running, lifting weights, golfing, and playing sports with the kids.



Emily Lamon Justice: Her sponsor is Scott Bertini. Her middle name gives it away. She is a key member of the Lamon Family Jewelry that has been in business for 40 years. She is Vice President of Purchasing. They have been in the famous Log Cabin for many years at 7923 Kingston Pike but are soon relocating their business to Turkey Creek at 11237 Parkside Drive in The Pinnacle shopping area where the Skechers store was located. They also have stores in Maryville and Gatlinburg. She earned a B.S. in Hotel Restaurant Administration with a Business

Minor from UT. Her husband Matt has been with Hearth and Patio for over 30 years. They have two sons — Jackson and Gabriel, students at Farragut Primary and Farragut Intermediate. The family is active at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church. She volunteers with Random Acts of Flowers, the American Cancer Society, and as a member of the Women's Coalition Against Cancer. This mission is close to her heart as she is a breast cancer survivor.

Brian Walker: PP Tom King is Brian's sponsor. Brian and his wife, Jennifer, have two kids in college. Son Riley is at Southern Utah University and daughter Adilynn is at Virginia Tech. The Walkers moved to Knoxville three years ago from California. Brian has been an insurance agent for 22 years and covers the state of California. He also owns commercial and single family home properties along with interests in trading crypto currencies. Before moving to Knoxville, Brian and his wife owned a Martial Arts studio, a real estate and property management company and successfully flipped or built several homes.



Brian has a Masters in Business Administration, is a Distinguished Toastmaster, and is a past member of the Menifee Rotary and Big Bear Rotary clubs. For enjoyment, Brian enjoys reading, playing the guitar and bass guitar, and riding his Harley Davidson next to Jennifer, who also rides.

According to Article 13, Section 5 of the club's Bylaws, any member who would like to comment about or object to the membership of Chase, Emily or Brian has one week (7 days) from the date of this publication to make in writing any objections to the Board of Directors. If there are no objections, we will proceed with the process to accept them for membership.

News and Notes

You Can Still Join Our March 4th Sleep In Heavenly Peace Project

Saturday March 4th is just 13 days off and we hope you can join us for an incredibly fun service project that is truly going to make a difference in lives of 25 kids! The Rotary Club of Farragut and Tellico Lake Rotary are partners with **Sleep In Heavenly Peace** to build 25 beds for some kids who currently do not have a bed. We will meet in the North Parking Lot at Fox Den Country Club at 9 a.m. Bring work gloves. Tools and materials are provided, along with coffee, donuts and OJ. And you can still sign up by clicking on this [LINK](#) If you have questions, ask Service Projects Co-Chair Scott Bertini. SIHP needs every volunteer to sign an indemnification form before the build begins. You can click on this [LINK](#) to print it out.



We had a small group — only seven of us — enjoying **Third Thursday** at Bonefish Grill. Fun conversation and as always, great food and libations were enjoyed. With Family of Rotary Chair Cindy Kraus were Fred Adomat and Paula Womack, Faye and PP Tom King and Ralph Henry and his wife Mary. Thankfully Thursday night's storms paused long enough for us to find our cars.

Julie Tryukhan, our former Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) student from Ukraine, was scheduled to speak to the Rotary Club of Knoxville on Tuesday March 14. The club has had to reschedule her presentation until Tuesday, May 23.

The Mystery of February Rolls On

After two weeks of eight clues we're still waiting for the sleuths to dig down, put the puzzle together and identify our **February Mystery Rotarian**. So far it seems to be a BIG mystery! Perhaps these next four clues will do the trick.

- Bought their first used car 7 years ago.
- Loves to eat venison.
- A favorite movie: "La Bamba"
- Enjoyed going bare-handed crawdad hunting with their Dad and now takes the kids into creeks for crawdads. "It's catch and release only though."



The first correct guess emailed to TOM KING will enjoy a fine wine. However, should no one ID our Mysterian, then they enjoy a fine wine!

A Thought for the Week

Tomorrow is **Presidents' Day**! Just FYI, Presidents' Day is commemorated in honor of Presidents George Washington's birthday on February 22, 1732, and Abraham Lincoln on February 12, 1809.

Here are two quotes of note!

"A primary object should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a Republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty more pressing than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?" — **George Washington**

"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." — **Abraham Lincoln**